

### The Way of a Disciple of Jesus (Mark 8:27-38)

**Proposition:** In order for anyone to walk in the way of the Master, the Lord Jesus has laid out three basic instructions in this passage for us to follow.

I. **We must Encounter a Discovery of Jesus' Person (Vs. 27-30)**

- A. The Regiment About His Person (Vs. 27-28)
- B. The Relevance of His Person (Vs. 29a)
- C. The Revelation of His Person (Vs. 29b; Matthew 16:17)

II. **We must Experience the Domination of Jesus' Plan (Vs. 31-33)**

- A. A Plan that Contradicts our Logic (Vs. 31)
- B. A Plan that Conflicts with our Longings (Vs. 32-33)

III. **We must Embrace the Direction of Jesus' Path (Vs. 34-38)**

- A. A Path of Denial (Vs. 34)
- B. A Path of Detachment (Vs. 35-37)
- C. A Path of Declaration (Vs. 38)

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One of my favorite Christian leaders is a man from New Zealand by the name of Ray Comfort. He has a passion for leading souls to Christ that is second to none. Ray pours his efforts into teaching and writing, and preaching the gospel to anyone and everyone. He wrote a profound book called The Way of the Master. The book's aim and purpose is for the 21<sup>st</sup> century church to once again its direction in mimicking our head the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of asking What would Jesus do? Let's ask What Did

Jesus do? Let us lead people to Christ the very way Jesus did. In other words do things the way of the master. Well here in Mark 8 our master is very vividly and bluntly laying out his way of salvation and discipleship. In order for anyone to walk in the way of the master, the Lord Jesus has laid out three basic instructions in this passage for us to follow. I want you to see I. We Must Encounter a Discovery of Jesus Person (vs 27-30). It seems as though Jesus and his disciples have run upon some teaching time. Remember Jesus has been frustrated with the Pharisees and Sadducees. He has been



And now maybe their eyes are beginning to open

A. The Regiment about His Person - Vs 27-28  
Caesarea Philippi is a place known for its many and varied gods of worship and w/ that as a backdrop, Jesus poses the Question "..." That is so much like the world today. Jesus surrounded by a regiment of other gods. Razi Zacharias wrote book Jesus among other Gods. > Over 2000 years since death Jesus and Newsweek time NBC

B. The Reliance of His Person - Vs 29a - They named of many of the more palatable views of Christ vs 28. But then Jesus cuts to the real heart of the matter who do you, say that I am. When it comes to Christ and the eternity of your neverdying soul, it doesn't matter what the world thinks. What is his reliance to you. Track greatest gamble: It is to say w/ who Jesus is. One phrase.

C. The Revelation of His Person - Vs 29b-30 Peter had a very unpopular answer for then and for today. He is Messiah. It is hard to pinpoint the actual situation of Jesus disciple was it when they followed, or understood... I'm not sure. But there is something about this moment Peter eyes seeing, ears hearing, mind understanding. Mark it. Christ. Matthew 16:17. This is that revelation from God.

II. We Must Experience the Domination of Jesus Plan (Vs 31-33) - Isn't that just like God, when we come to one point of understanding then he gives us another truth

1) ...Newsweek, Time, People, NBC, ABC, CBS, PBS, they are all still taking guesses at who is this man Jesus.

2) ...One preacher that I love to listen to had a message concerning the parson of Jesus entitled: Jesus – Liar, Lunatic, or Lord!

3) Matthew 16:16-17 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

4) ...from God. Do you remember when you finally got it. That he is God and came to die for your sins. It wasn't because you ate a lot of broccoli and you had more brain cells. It was because of divine revelation! God showed it to you!

1) ...up is down. Mark 9:35 ...If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

2) ...get Jesus to by-pass the cross. Satan is the only one that will tell you that you can follow Jesus and it will not cost you anything. There is no crown without a cross. I'm not saying that you buy your way into salvation, but I am saying what Jesus is saying in the further verses of this chapter, you can not save your life as your own and have any claim in eternal salvation.



to wrestle with. First 8 chapter Jesus revealing  
A. A Plan that Contradicts our Logic (Vs 31)  
When Peter identified Jesus as the Christ  
inverse 24, a flood of old testament pas-  
sages came along with it. Most of  
which reflected a view of Messiah as  
the reigning King over a Kingdom. But  
what Jesus follows this revelation with  
was not tactics to take the throne but put  
plans for his own demise. Completely contrary  
to logic. And that is how God works. You want  
to be a disciple, throw all your preconceived  
notions of grandeur out the window. The way up is down.

B. A Plan that Conflicts w/ our Longings (Vs 33)  
It is a great comfort to me to see how Peter  
can be so right one minute and so wrong  
the next, because I many times do the same  
thing. Peter rebukes the Lord. Word rebuke  
here is same word used to describe Jesus  
words to a demon. A strong forceful rebuke  
Peter wasn't dominated by the saviors plan  
He was dominated by a selfish plan. I am not  
a mind reader, but I believe Peter has his eye on  
some high caliber position in Kingdom. Jesus con-  
victed him to Satan. Both tried to get Jesus to

III. We must Embrace the Direction of  
Jesus Path (Vs 34-38) After we Discover  
who he is and come under the domin-  
ation of who he is, then we are to follow

the direction that he gives. In final verses a path  
**A. A Path of Denial (Vs 34)** - The way  
of following Jesus is the way of personal  
denial. In Vs 32, Peter was not denying self  
This is our nations, cities, churches families  
and individuals problem today we will not  
deny ourselves. Because you are a disciple  
of Jesus Christ, there ought to be some things  
that you deny yourself. Things you just should not

**B. A Path of Detachment (Vs 35-37)** - You  
can't have it your way. You can't have  
the pleasure of sin for a season and the  
glories of heaven for eternity. What good  
is it to be attached to this sinful world for  
80 years and consume its fleeting pleasures then  
suffer in torment and agony for an eternity. There  
must be a detachment from this world. And that

**C. A Path of Declaration (Vs 38)** - In this  
final verse the disciples are commanded  
not to be ashamed of their Master. A  
disciple is to stand for his master in the  
face of adversity. We are to make a  
clear declaration by our lives. Christ  
suffered ~~unseasonably~~ <sup>unseasonably</sup> humiliation on the cross  
for my sake. Should I not have his name on

**IV. Closing** - The Way of the Master  
is three fold - A discovery of Jesus Person  
a Domination by Jesus Plan, a Direction into  
Jesus Path.



1) ...just should not say, wear, do, look at, participate in, eat, enjoy,  
listen to...

2) ...an I have decided to follow Jesus moment. 2 Corinthians 6:17  
Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate,  
saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;

3) ...his name on my lips at every opportunity!